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Chairman: Mr. Garcia . . . . . (Colombia)

The meeting was called to order at 10.20 a.m.

Organizational matters

The Chairman (*interpretation from Spanish*): I have been informed by the Group of African States that it has nominated Gabon and Ghana for the posts of Vice-Chairmen of the Commission for 1997. If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Commission decides to elect, by acclamation, Gabon and Ghana as Vice-Chairmen of the Commission.

It was so decided.

The Chairman (*interpretation from Spanish*): We have also been informed that the Group of African States and other Groups have, after consultation, nominated Mr. Abdelkader Mesdoua of Algeria for the post of Chairman of Working Group I on agenda item 4, "Establishment of nuclear-weapon-free zones on the basis of arrangements freely arrived at among the States of the region concerned."

If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Commission wishes to appoint Mr. Abdelkader Mesdoua to the post of Chairman of Working Group I.

It was so decided.

The Chairman (*interpretation from Spanish*): I should like to congratulate Mr. Abdelkader Mesdoua on his appointment as Chairman of Working Group I.

I have also been informed that the Group of Asian States has decided to nominate Mr. Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat of Indonesia for the post of Chairman of Working Group II on agenda item 5, "Fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament".

If I hear no objection, I shall take it that the Commission wishes to appoint, by acclamation, Mr. Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat of Indonesia to the post of Chairman of Working Group II.

It was so decided.

The Chairman (*interpretation from Spanish*): I should like to congratulate Mr. Sudjadnan Parnohadiningrat of Indonesia on his appointment as Chairman of Working Group II.

We have thus filled the outstanding posts. We now have the three Chairmen of the Working Groups, as well as a complete Bureau for the Commission for 1997.

The meeting rose at 10.25 a.m.

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